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CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (previously canceled)

Claim 2 (previously canceled)

Claim 3 (previously canceled)

Claim 4 (previously canceled)

Claim 5 (amended herein) The dry-cleaning process of claim 1 in which ~~the process is non-commercial~~ and comprises heat treating a single article within the containment means.

Claim 6 (amended herein) The dry-cleaning process of claim 1 in which ~~the process is non-commercial~~ and comprises heat treating 2-4 individual articles within the containment means simultaneously.

Claim 7 (amended herein) The dry-cleaning process of claim 1 in which ~~the process is non-commercial~~ and comprises heat treating a plurality of individual articles within the containment means simultaneously.

Claim 8 (amended herein) The dry-cleaning process of claim 1 in which ~~the process is commercial~~ and comprises heat treating one or more individual articles within the containment means simultaneously.

Claim 9 (original) The dry-cleaning process of claim 1 in which a minimal volume of activator solution is used.

Claim 10 (previously withdrawn)

Claim 11 (previously withdrawn)

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Claim 30 (previously withdrawn)

Claim 31 (previously withdrawn)

Claim 32 (previously withdrawn)

Claim 33 (previously canceled)

Claim 34 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the absorbent stain removal medium comprises a material adapted for binding soils and stains and preventing re-release thereof.

Claim 35 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the absorbent stain removal medium comprises a nonwoven material.

Claim 36 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the absorbent stain removal medium comprises a woven material.

Claim 37 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the absorbent stain removal medium comprises a coform material.

Claim 38 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the absorbent stain removal medium comprises a wetting agent to increase wettability thereof.

Claim 39 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the absorbent stain removal medium comprises an un-laundered article.

Claim 40 (previously canceled)

Claim 41 (previously amended) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 60 utilizing an absorbent stain removal medium in which essentially no undesired substances migrate therefrom to the article to be cleaned.

Claim 42 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the activator solution is surfactant-less.

Claim 43 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the activator cloth contains less than about 28 grams of activator solution.

Claim 44 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the activator cloth contains less than about 24 grams of activator solution.

Claim 45 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the activator cloth contains about 20 grams of activator solution.

Claim 46 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 further comprising packaging means for reducing or preventing undesired evaporation of the water and/or other volatile components of the activator solution.

Claim 47 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 further comprising packaging means for controlled delivery of vaporized activator solution to the article to be cleaned.

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Claim 48 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the containment system comprises a closure means.

Claim 49 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 closure means is one or more selected from zippers, hook-and-loop type fasteners, buttons, clips, pins, snaps, adhesive strips or tape, and resealable mated sealing strips.

Claim 50 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the containment system vents between about 1 to about 99% of generated vapors.

Claim 51 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the containment system vents between about 40 to about 90% of generated vapors.

Claim 52 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the containment system vents between about 5 to about 35% of generated vapors.

Claim 53 (original) The dry-cleaning system of Claim 33 in which the containment system further comprises a predetermined headspace volume.

Claim 54 (previously canceled)

Claim 55 (previously canceled)

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Claim 56 (cancelled herein)

Claim 57 (cancelled herein)

Claim 58 (cancelled herein)

Claim 59 (amended herein) A process for dry-cleaning a textile article of clothing containing a localized area of stain or soil, ~~such as an article of clothing~~; the process comprising the following steps:

pre-treating the localized area of stain or soil on the textile article by subjecting the localized area of stain or soil to a fluid pre-treatment composition and an absorbent stain receiving medium, the absorbent stain receiving medium selected from materials free of fluorescent whitening agents and other optical brighteners;

placing the pre-treated textile article into a containment means along with an activator cloth containing an activator solution; and

heat treating the containment means to vaporize the activator solution.

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Claim 60 (amended herein) A system for dry-cleaning a textile article ~~in a conventional or commercial-type clothes dryer~~ comprising:

a pre-treatment stain formula for pre-treating spots ~~and/or~~ or stains prior to cleaning;

absorbent stain removal medium for absorbing the spots ~~and/or~~ or stains partitioned from the article to be cleaned by the pre-treatment stain formula, the absorbent stain receiving medium selected from materials free of fluorescent whitening agents and other optical brighteners;

activator solution comprising volatile solvent, optional fragrance and the balance water;

activator cloth or other substrate with a predetermined volume of the activator solution loaded thereon;
and

a heat-resistant containment system for containing the textile article to be cleaned and the activator cloth, all within the dryer, whereby the textile article to be cleaned and the activator cloth are maintained in an operative proximity during the process.

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Claim 61 (amended herein) A method for dry-cleaning textile articles ~~in a conventional home clothes drier~~ comprising the following steps:

1. Pre-treating any localized area of stain or soil on the textile article by subjecting the localized area of stain or soil to a fluid pre-treatment composition and an absorbent stain receiving medium, the absorbent stain receiving medium selected from materials free of fluorescent whitening agents and other optical brighteners;
2. Placing the textile article to be cleaned into a heat-resistant containment bag;
3. Placing an activator cloth loaded with an activator solution into the containment bag; and
4. Heat treating the containment bag containing the textile article and the activator cloth loaded with the activator solution, thereby causing at least a portion of the activator solution to vaporize and treat the textile article.

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Claim 62 (amended herein) A kit for dry-cleaning textile articles ~~in a conventional clothes dryer,~~
the kit comprising:

1. A sealed portion of pre-treatment stain removal composition;
2. At least one portion of absorbent stain removal medium, the absorbent stain removal medium selected from materials free of fluorescent whitening agents and other optical brighteners;
3. A heat-resistant containment bag; and
4. At least one activator cloth loaded with an activator solution and sealed.

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